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In re Patent Application of:  
Michael J. Gait et al.

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For: METHOD FOR COUPLING MOLECULES

Examiner: M. A. Audet

## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election Requirements dated December 14, 2004, please consider the following amendments to the claims and remarks. This Response is accompanied by a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time up to and including Monday February 14, 2005.

It is believed that no other fee(s) other than the fee for extension of one month of time is required for these submissions. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any other fee is due or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.